

THE EARLSMEAD NEWSLETTER

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Almost Goodbye 2017.....

A school is a lovely place to be as Christmas approaches. Children are preparing for Christmas events, learning songs and making cards for friends and family but they are also working hard to achieve their learning goals before their parents and carers meet with their teachers on 5th December.

It is also a time of year for reflection and for us all to think about what we want for ourselves and our loved ones as this year ends and a new one approaches.

Stephen Mann, the Mayor of Haringey visited us last week to launch his, 'What Makes You Happy' Art competition. During his discussions with children, it was lovely to hear about the things that

make them happy - not the latest computer game as you might have predicted but really simple things like, 'Playing with my friends,' 'Stroking my cat' and 'Visiting my Nan'. It was also an opportunity to remind children that there are times in everyone's life when they might feel sad or lonely and that there are always people they can talk to at home and in school.

Overleaf there are some useful numbers and websites for organisations that can offer families support over the holiday period. We wish you all a restful holiday and a New Year filled with good health and happiness. School will begin again for children on **Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 8.55 a.m.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

4th - Flu Jabs (Reception - Year 4) where consent has been given

4th - The Hour of Coding Week

5th - Nursery and Reception Parent / Carer Day 9.00am-7.00 pm.

5th - Years 1-6 Parents & Carers Evening 3.30-7.00

6th - Georgians Tennis Selection Day

6th - 4 Orange Guitar Performance (2.30p.m. Parents and Carers welcome)

7th - Aquinas Football Tournament

11th - Year 4 Orange Jewish Museum

12th - Year 4 Purple Jewish Museum

13th - Nursery Parents and Carers Christmas party 11.00 and 2.30pm

14th - Year 1&2 Christmas Show (9.15-10.00, tickets 50p, Parents and Carers welcome)

15th - Reception Class Nativity (9.15-10.00, tickets 50p, Parents and Carers welcome)

15th - Year 5 Classes Panto visit

18th - 2YOP Nursery Christmas Party 10.00

18th - Years 3&4, 'Christmas Around the World' (9.15-10.00, tickets 50p, Parents & Carers welcome)

19th - Years 5&6, 'The Meaning of Christmas' (9.15-10.00, tickets 50p, Parents and Carers welcome)

21st - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

22nd - Last Day of Term

Fair Share

Fair Share is an organisation that redistributes food stock from local supermarkets that is in date but which would otherwise be wasted. We collect this stock and would like to distribute it to any family who would like it. We never know what we will get or the quantities involved. So far it has been mainly bread and pastries. Please let Ms Horbury know, in confidence, if you would like to receive anything. Deliveries are usually on a Monday and Wednesday.

Lunchtimes

Lunchtime U.K. the company who cook our school lunches have had two successful, 'Taster Days' aimed at Parents and Carers. The feedback we have been given is how impressed you are about the variety of foods available each day and the range and amount of fruit children are encouraged to eat. If you have any questions or suggestions please let the office know and they will pass them on to the company.



Pudsey Bear Visit

There was high excitement in the school when we had a surprise visit from Pudsey Bear himself! He visited us during lunch time and was very pleased that we had raised £499.33!



Advice from the Police

Thank you to our local community police officers for coming to the school to lead an assembly on road safety for younger children and on the use of social media for our older children. This was followed by workshops around e-safety for Years 5 and 6. Please try and enforce no mobile phones or electronic devices in bedrooms or after a certain time in the evening.



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School Council

Congratulations to Ljubi (5 Lilac) and Rasharn (3 Pink) who have been elected by our School Council to be our Head Girl and Head Boy. One of their first tasks in their new roles was to have a special meeting with the Mayor of Haringey to discuss child wellbeing.



Our School Councillors have already made some important changes in the school based on the views of children from across the school including increasing the number of bins in both playgrounds and deciding the Christmas Lunch Menu. During the year they will be regularly meeting with other important decision makers in the school including School Governors.

Helpful Support Services

Home start is one of the leading family support charities in the UK home-start.org.uk
Childline is a free 24-hour counselling service for children and young people 0800 1111.

Ignatius Inspires

Well done to the whole of Year 4 and to our talented dancers from across the school for the performances of their original compositions and period dance piece at The Bernie Grant Arts Centre. Their work was inspired by the work of Ignatius Santos, the first black composer to have his music published



It's Getting Dark

It is now getting darker earlier. Please make sure you take extra care on the roads and whenever possible make sure that children wear clothing that has a reflective surface, if not, attach a reflective badge on darker clothes.



Ideas for things to do in the Holidays

Useful information for families can be found on familiesonline.co.uk. Go to haringey.gov.uk for information on the Library and Bruce Castle. Visit seventhsister.london for local information on things happening in Seven Sisters.